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1. BECAUSE NO DEFINITE WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT EMBASSY FROM TETTAMANTI REGARDING GOA NEGOTIATORS' TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR CIVAIR DISCUSSIONS, WHEN CAHRGE CALLED UPON FONMIN VIGNES, FOR OTHER REASONS, AT 1730 NOV 16, HE TOOK OCCASION TO RAISE MATTER WITH MINISTER. MINISTER CALLED FOR TETTAMANTI WHO JOINED DISCUSSION. TETTAMANTI THEN WENT ON TO STATE THAT A NOTE TO THE EMBASSY HAD ALREADY BEEN PREPARED WHICH IN SUBSTANCE INDICATED AGREEMENT APPEARED TO EXIST BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS UPON BASIS, EXTENT AND CONTENT OF NEGOTIATIONS BUT EXPLAINING THAT GOA TEAM HAS NOT HAD TIME TO PREPARE. AFTER INDICATING THAT DNTAC DIRECTOR MUST BE IN MEXICO FOR NEGOTIATIONS THERE BEFORE MID-DEC, TETAMANTI INDICATED GOA SEEKS POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS WITH US. CHARGE INDICATED WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY AND CAN MEET WITH ARGENTINES DURING ANY PART OF 3-WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING NOV 19. TETTAMANTI SAID GOA HOPED DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD LATTER PART OF JAN. WHILE CHARGE INDICATED THAT, AFTER NEXT 3 WEEKS, US OFFICIALS CONCERNED WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MID-FEB. TETTAMANTI RESPONDED THAT PERHAPS IT IS JUST AS WELL THERE BE SOME DELAY SO THAT NEGOTIATORS CAN ARRIVE AT MEETING

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WELL PREPARED.

2. CHARGE INDICATED A SUBSTANTIAL DELAY, EXTENDING WELL INTO NEW YEAR, RAISED SOME QUESTIONS CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF AIRLINES IN INTERIM BECAUSE CERTAIN DNTAC DECISIONS, SPECIFICALLY REGIONAL QUOTAS, HAD MADE NO PROVISION FOR PERIOD BEYOND END 1973. TETTAMANTI AGREED THERE MIGHT BE NEED FOR EARLY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO MOVE THROUGH AN INTERIM PERIOD SMOOTHLY BUT INDICATED, WITH REFERENCE TO REGIONAL QUOTAS, THAT PROBABLY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE AS THEY ARE AT THE PRESENT. CHARGE INDICATED HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT CONCERNING POSTPONEMENT NOV 19 DISCUSSIONS, TRANSMIT ARGENTINE VIEWS CONCERNING RESCHEDULING, AND CONSULT CONCERNING POSSIBLE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERIM OPERATIONS.

3. NEAR 1830 NOV 16 EMBASSY RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTE FROM TETTAMANTI DATED PREVIOUS DAY. NOTE STATES THAT GOA AGREES DISCUSSIONS/NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD SEEK FULL REVIEW BILATERAL CIVIL AIR RELATIONS. IT GOES ON TO INDICATE THAT "BASIC CRITERIA" SENT WITH PREVIOUS NOTE WERE NOT INTENDED TO CONDITION NEGOTIATIONS BUT WERE UNDERSTOOD TO BE SUBJECT TO RESPONSE BY US AND WERE SENT FORWARD IN AN EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE IN BRINGING TOGETHER DIVERGENT VIEWS EVIDENT IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS "BY EXPRESSING INITIAL CONCEPTS WHICH THROUGH ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY OF PROCEDURES WOULD PRESERVE EQUALITY OF RIGHTS ASSURING RECIPROCITY IN THEIR USE AND AN EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC SERVICE BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES."

4. NOTE CONTINUES THAT FULL REVIEW WILL INCLUDE THE SITUATION BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT SINCE CONDITIONS IN AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE NOT DEVELOPED AS FORESEEN WITH RESULT THAT PRESENT GOA FINDS IT NECESSARY TO HOLD THE BEGIN UNDERLINE STATUS QUO END UNDERLINE UNTIL SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS ARE AGREED TO BY BOTH PARTIES. NOTE ENDS REQUESTING CHARGE SEEK RESPONSE FROM USG CONCERNING STATEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED IN THE NOTE SO THAT SENDING OF DELEGATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS, ON A DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED, CAN BE MADE POSSIBLE.

5. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ASAP FULLER VERSION AND MORE CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF TETTAMANTI'S NOTE DATED 15 SEP.
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